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ONLY a few more weeks and the end of the century will be here.

The cheapest salesman is a good advertisement in the Big Stone Gap Post.

The best thing that can happen to a man is to have a wife who is his chum.

A HARD thing to do—convince the little ones that there is no Santa Clause.

SANTA CLAUS is well loaded this year and is almost ready to start on his annual visit.

As we did not get any turkey for Thanksgiving, we are confidently expecting two for Christmas.

Good advice is a good thing for the wayward boy, but it is nothing like a good whipping very often.

THE Holston Christian Advocate is a good paper and is edited by a good man, Rev. J. I. Cash.

A GREAT many people imagine it is an easy job to run a newspaper. Those who try it find out different.

RICHMOND has adopted the curfew ordinance, which she must think is a good thing for the young.

Or the total scholastic population of the United States, only 20 per cent is enrolled in public schools.

THE Richmond Times says the Philippine problem and the Chinese characters will probably be deciphered about the same time.

CHARLES H. SLACK, for fifteen years editor of the Bristol Courier, has resigned that position and gone to Washington, D. C., where he has secured a position in the government printing office. He has been succeeded in the editorial chair of the Courier by Munsey Slack, a younger brother.

WE notice with pleasure that the name of General R. A. Ayers is being put forward as a suitable and capable delegate to the constitutional convention. The honor is entirely unsought, but certainly no man knows better the defects of our present constitution; or would faithfully strive for the good of all the people.—Lebanon News.

THE recent tests of the new twelve-inch gun, whose approaching trial has frequently been alluded to in the past, have resulted in some remarkable performances, entitling the gun to rank ahead of any twelve-inch gun yet made. With an 850-pound steel-tipped projectile the big gun would pierce any armor ever made. It is the first of forty guns which will go on the new battle ships and armored cruisers.

THE secretary of the treasury sent to Congress last week the annual estimates of the expenses of the government for the coming year. They aggregate \$625,741,762, a slight decrease from the total estimates of last year. The appropriations for the present year are \$586,655,362. The estimates cover every branch of government service. The war department estimate is \$176,658,345, and the navy department \$88,913,248. The total for rivers and harbors, including continuing contracts, is \$33,881,317. The total for pensions is \$144,000,000.

THE Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee have agreed to recommend a reduction of \$30,000,000 annually in the war revenue taxes by repealing the stamp levy on sundry documents and articles of commerce. Just what articles will be exempted has not yet been decided, but it is understood that they will include patent medicines, notes and mortgages, deeds and conveyances where the consider-

ation is less than \$1,000, express receipts and some other commercial and legal papers, and possibly checks and drafts.

THE Twelfth Census seems to show that Chicago will some day be the population center of the United States. This center has been moving westward for years. Starting in at a point twenty three miles east of Baltimore, Md., in 1790, the center of population has traveled west and south, crossing Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio, until it got within eight miles of Cincinnati in 1880, when it suddenly veered to the north-west, stopping twenty miles east of Columbus, Indiana, in 1890. In ten years it has traveled to a point seven miles north of Columbus, Indiana.

From the statement just received of the earnings and expenses of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for the month of October, it is seen that the earnings of the road are steadily increasing. It is true that expenses increased also, but not in a proportion unnatural when the large volume of business the road is doing is taken into consideration. As compared with the figures of October, 1899, the results are as follows: Earnings—passenger, mail and express, 1900, \$212,430.92; 1899, \$190,825.33; increase, \$21,605.59, or 11 per cent. Earnings, freight, 1900, 1,202,098.18; 1899, \$1,014,122.23, increase, \$188,275.95, or 19 per cent. Operating expenses—maintenance of way and structures, equipment, conducting transportation and general expenses, including taxes, 1900, \$707,970.12; 1899, \$713,471.17; increase, \$84,498.95, or 12 per cent. Net earnings, 1900, \$616,858.98; 1899, \$491,476.39; increase, \$125,382.59, or 26 per cent. The surplus increased from \$300,994.80 in 1899, to \$430,988.14 in 1900, or \$129,693.34. The proportion of expenses to gross earnings dropped from 59 per cent. to 56 per cent. The four months, July 1st to October 31st, show correspondingly good results when compared with the same period of last year. The total earnings increased \$729,819.01, or 16 per cent.; the total expenses, \$369,038.47, or 13 per cent., and the net earnings, \$360,780.54, or 20 per cent. The surplus increased \$379,238.16 and the proportion of expenses to gross earnings fell from 60 per cent. to 59 per cent.—Roanoke Times.

How Are Your Nerves?

If they are weak and you feel nervous and easily "flustered," can't sleep, and rise in the morning unrefreshed, your blood is poor. Strong nerves depend upon rich, nourishing blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the nerves strong by enriching and vitalizing the blood. It gives sweet, refreshing sleep and completely cures nervous troubles. Begin taking it today.

Nausea, indigestion are cured by Hood's Pills.

Big Sycamore.

Several Middleboro parties passed through Tazewell last week enroute to Sycamore to investigate the mineral prospect over there. We know nothing definite as to the result of that visit, but one who has been a close observer of movements in that region, says he is confident that a big mineral boom is about to dawn on this county.—Chatham Progress.

The report is that fabulously extensive and rich beds of ore have been discovered on the Big Sycamore creek; that they have been acquired by the Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Company; that the Southern Railway will at once build a branch up the Clinch river to the Sycamore; and that Middleboro will have a regular flux of iron.—Middleboro News.

Consumption

is destruction of lung by a growing germ, precisely as mouldy cheese is destruction of cheese by a growing germ.

If you kill the germ, you stop the consumption. You can or can't, according to when you begin.

Take Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil: take a little at first.



It acts as a food; it is the easiest food. Seems not to be food; makes you hungry; eating is comfortable. You grow stronger. Take more; not too much; enough is as much as you like and agrees with you. Satisfy hunger with usual food; whatever you like and agrees with you.

When you are strong again, have recovered your strength—the germs are dead; you have killed them.

If you have not tried it, send for free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

EVERYTHING READY.

FOR THE ERECTION OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

The House to be Built of Gray Stone, and Work to Begin at Once.

For some time the matter of more room for the schools has been one that has forced itself upon our School Board for serious consideration. In order to provide this room for the continually increasing school population, the Board took the matter in hand about a year ago, and secured legal authority for obtaining the necessary funds for the purpose. This done, a proper location was secured, and plans and specifications gotten up. The plans are the result of the combined work of teachers, Board, and architect and are the best to be obtained.

From the first, the Board determined to have nothing but the best, and that the building should be of brick or stone. General Ayers was appointed a committee to see what could be done, and true to his liberal ideas and native pride, he set his heart upon gray stone. For a long time the money in hand seemed too little to cover the cost of a stone building, but General Ayers stuck to his idea with indomitable perseverance, and waited for the right man. Just a few days since the right man was found and the good news went out that the work could be done in stone for the same that the brick bidders had asked.

This good fortune came in the person of Joseph Gonano, who is building coke ovens at Looney Creek, who has undertaken the stone and brick work. Mr. Gonano says that he has plenty of men available for the work. Many of these men are skilled workmen. He has the reputation of being a first class man in his line, and can refer to some fine work that he has done. He is a man of pleasant address and has the bearing of a man who means business.

For the finishing, and all work outside of the stone and brick, except heating, Mr. Robert L. Brown, the well known contractor and builder, of our town, has been secured. Mr. Brown is a man who takes pride in his work, and who will give a fine job. He is personally interested in the building of this house, and is willing to make some sacrifice in order to give his community a good public building. His ambition is a noble one, for it will be no little honor to have made it possible for his descendants to point to the fine school building and say: My father built that; or my grandfather built that.

The entire cost for building, heating, plumbing, and furnishing will be about \$17,000. This amount will include the cost of the lot. The contractors will begin their work at once and will have the building ready for occupation by next September, or before.

THE HOUSE.

The prettiest and best site in town has been selected for the location of this house. The plateau just in front of the old school property, containing about three and one half acres has been secured for the grounds. The little huts and gardens will all be removed, and all the space between the "dummy lines" and back to Bank Street will be fenced in for school grounds. This is a level, easily drained plot of ground and is the most centrally located in town.

The material will be, gray stone, gotten in the Gap, for the walls, and the best quality of yellow pine for finishing. The roof will be of slate and all hardware will be of the best quality. Nothing in the way of material will be of inferior quality.

The building will contain seven specially arranged school rooms; one library room, or general meeting room, suitable for a school room in case it should be needed; one large assembly room, to seat five or six hundred people, with a neat rostrum; one office room, one music room, one art room, one large room on third floor, suitable for a gymnasium. In the basement will be: Two large play rooms, one for boys and one for girls, entirely separate; furnace room, fuel room, storage room, and good closets. Besides, there will be ample corridors and rotunda. It will be in every way a model modern school building, and will surpass any other school building in Southwest Virginia, and any other in the state of less than double its cost. It will be a structure that any citizen may point to with pride.

In addition to the building, the grounds will be neatly tenced, nicely graded, and planted in the finest trees. Dr. J. W. Kelly, the energetic President of the Board, will look after the grading and beautifying of the grounds.

As an investment, the same amount of money could not be better placed. A good school with proper facilities will attract more people of a good class to the town than any similar investment. Merchandise, plants of various kinds, factories, and companies can do nothing that would do more for the upbuilding of the town, and every dollar put into this will give a hundred-fold return; even in kind, and untold good in moral and intellectual advantage. Nothing is truer than the statement, "As a people's schools are, that people will be." Good schools lead to good citizenship. Intelligence, comfort, wealth, and a good moral atmosphere must be the result.

The Board and every citizen taking part in this enterprise, as well as every citizen to whom benefit is to accrue, is to be congratulated. No nobler work could be done.

WISE DEPARTMENT.

CHAS. T. KILGORE, Editor.

Local and Otherwise.

Circuit court is still in session. W. H. Roberts, better known as "Bobs," returned to his place of business at the Pound Monday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Counts died Monday morning at 6 o'clock. She had been sick only a few days and her death was rather sudden. The remains were taken to Coeburn for interment. We extend our sympathy to the parents in their great loss.

Revs. Suthers and Evans are holding a protracted meeting at the Southern Methodist Church. The meeting commenced Sunday and will likely continue several days.

W. S. Mathews came up from the Gap Tuesday.

Work is progressing nicely on the Baptist church this week.

S. W. Thacker went down to Big Stone Gap Monday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. Church, South, for the Sunday School during the holidays.

G. E. Gilly came up from the Gap Tuesday.

Senator Bruce is putting in the foundation for an office building on the Habern lot on West Main street.

FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

STONEGA, VA., Dec. 12, 1900.—Mrs. Robt. Ramsey, Sr., came on Friday last on a visit to her son, Robt. Ramsey, Jr., superintendent of the works. She is accompanied by her two daughters, Jeanette and Mary.

Mrs. John Adams returned from her visit on Thursday last. Her youngest son, Samuel, came back with her to recuperate in the mountains, he having had an attack of malaria while hunting in the swamps.

Rev. Mr. Batcher preached in the church here on Sunday morning and baptized a Hungarian infant during the service. There are a few reformed families of Hungarian birth located here now. Rev. R. G. Matheson preached in the evening.

Preparations are on foot to give the children a nice treat here on Xmas day in the church, which will be decorated for the occasion.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, no matter how long standing, or how badly affected. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Kelly.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." "The supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by J. W. Kelly, druggist."

FROM ST. PAUL.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

ST. PAUL, VA., Dec. 10, 1900.—Charley Ernest, little son of J. M. Hillman, has been very sick for several days, but is improving at this writing.

Mr. Tatem, travelling for McMillan, Hazen & Co., was in town Saturday.

G. B. Dickinson, one of our merchants, moved to Castlewood last week.

Dr. J. N. Greear and Charley Broadwater spent some days at Wise last week.

There is no school in St. Paul today, owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Sallie Hillman.

Will Smith and Penny Holbrook, of Boone's Mill, attended church here yesterday.

Mr. B. F. Bickler, our Sunday School Superintendent is ill again.

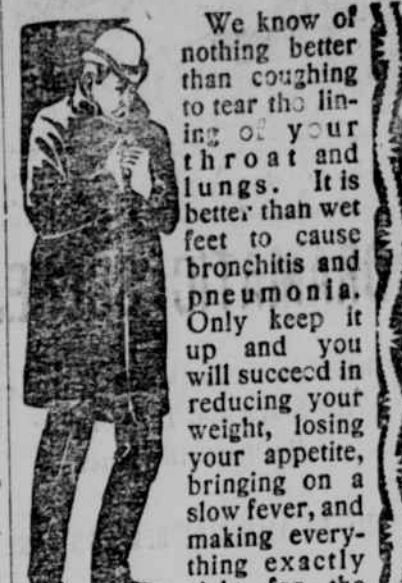
Miss Lucy Clapp, of Cleveland, came to our place last week as night operator. We are glad to welcome her in our midst.

J. L. Dingus spent several days in town last week.

Mrs. Eva Ernest and little grand-daughter, Felicia Dickinson, spent several days at Dr. Greear's last week.

Santa Claus is coming.

COUGHS KILL



We know of nothing better than coughing to tear the lining of your throat and lungs. It is better than wet feet to cause bronchitis and pneumonia. Only keep it up and you will succeed in reducing your weight, losing your appetite, bringing on a slow fever, and making everything right for the germs of consumption.

Better kill your cough before it kills you.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

kills coughs of every kind. A 25 cent bottle is just right for an ordinary cough; for the harder coughs of bronchitis you will need a 50 cent bottle; and for the coughs of consumption the one dollar size is most economical.

"My cough reduced me to a mere skeleton. I tried many remedies, but they all failed. After using the Cherry Pectoral I immediately began to improve, and three bottles restored me to health. I believe I owe my life to it."

SARAH P. MORGAN, Brownstown, Va. Oct. 7, 1896.

R. P. WILLIS,

Dealer in

Fresh Meats,

Big Stone Gap, Va.

Handles nothing but the best grade of Meat.

Shop in Basement of Post-Office Building.

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Come One, Come All.

Right Here at Green's is the Place to Get the Worth of Your Money.

Well! Well! Well! What about such prices as these?

Clear Side Bacon, 9 cents per pound.
Pure Leaf Lard, 10 cents per pound.
Granulated Sugar, 4 pounds for 25 cents.
Best Light Brown Sugar, 6 cents per pound.
Good Green Coffee, 12 1-2 cents per pound.
Lion Brand Roasted Coffee 14 cents per lb.
No. 1 Cream Cheese, 15 cents per pound.
Nice Mixed Beans, 5 cents per pound.
Irish Potatoes, 65 cents per bushel.
Turnips, 40 cents per bushel.
Fine Large Apples, \$1.00 per bushel.
Fresh Country Butter, 20 cents per pound.
Large Fat Chickens, 20 and 25 cents each.
Fine Syrup, 10 cents a can.
Singer Sewing Machine Oil, 5 cents.
3 String Broth.

CANNED GOODS.

Tomatoes, 10 cents. 3 lbs. Apples, 10 cents.
California Peaches, 20 cts. Corn, 10 cents.
No. 1 Maryland Peaches, 18 cents.

CANNED MEATS.

Salmon, 13 cents. Chipped Beef, 15 cts.
Sardines, 5 cents. Corned Beef, 15 cents.
Veal Loaf, 1 lb. can, 20 cts. Full weight Oysters, 15 cts.
Potted Ham & Tongue, 6c. Light "

I Always keep a full line of Fresh Groceries. I Also carry a full line of Ladies' and Gents' Underwear, bought in the large markets for Spot Cash, which I am selling cheaper than other merchants pay for them. Dry Goods and Notions at cost. Calico at 5 cents per yard. A nice line of Men's Clothing at prices lower than elsewhere in town. I buy for cash, sell for cash, and am content with small profits. Also a large stock of Wood-Heater and Stoves and Piping. A full line of Christmas Goods at prices that defy competition. cordially invite all to come and see me, assuring all of fair and honest treatment.

Fall in line and don't stop until you reach the Brick Store on the corner.

Yours for Business.

E. L. GREEN.

Men's All Wool Suits, \$6.00.

BIG SHOW IS HERE

And so is Muncy, with the fullest and most complete line of Ladies and Gents' Furnishing Goods, and Holiday Goods ever brought to BIG STONE GAP.

Ladies and Misses Furnishing Goods

Just Received all late styles in Capes, \$.48 to \$1.00
" " Ladies' Collarettes, - - - 35c to .50
" " " Skirts, - - - .98 to 1.50

Several doz. Ladies and Misses Overgaiters, to go at .35 to .50

Gents' Furnishing Goods Department

Just Received latest styles in Suits with reversable vest, \$.98 to \$1.50

" " Silk Puffs, Scarfs, and Ties, - - - .02 to .10

Hosiery 4 to 23 cents, Shirts 15c. to \$1.25, Shoes, .98 to 1.50

Boys Suits, 49c. to \$5.00, Men's Hats, - - - .35 to .50

Men and Boys Caps from - - - .09 to .10

A full line of Ladies' and Gents' Rubbers at cost.

Toy Department.

Toy Pianos from \$1.50 to \$3.50, Dolls from - - - \$.04 to \$.05

A big assortment of Toys to go at from - - - .05 to .10

Glassware and Novelty Department

Smoker's Sets from \$1.25 to \$3.00, Smoking Jars, - - - \$.75 to \$.80

Picture Frames from - - - .04 to .10

Some nice Dining Room Pictures from - - - .98 to 1.50

A full line of Glassware from - - - .05 to .10

Chamber Sets, - - - .05 to .10

Hardware Department.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Knives from - - - \$.05 to \$.10

Express Wagons for the Boys from - - - 2.00 to 3.00

Grocery Department.

Just received a nice assortment of evaporated Peaches, Prunes, Apples, Apricots and Pears; a few cases of Grape Nuts, Unsweetened Biscuit, Breakfast food and Postum Cereal. One dozen cakes for 10 cents.

We also carry a large assortment of Jewelry, which we sell at rock bottom prices.

Yours to please,

J. A. Muncy,

BIG STONE GAP, VA.

Goods Delivered Free to Stonega and Looney Creek.